



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Health Center Week

WHEREAS, America's community health centers are at the core of our health care system and the nation's safety net, providing quality, comprehensive primary care to all, regardless of ability to pay, and community health centers also have a demonstrated ability to deliver high-quality, cost-effective and affordable care; and

WHEREAS, today health centers serve more than 23 million people each year, in over 8,000 rural and urban communities in every state and territory, and each health center is as unique as the patients it serves, a reflection of the consumer-majority board that is a core element of the health center model; and

WHEREAS, Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers and health centers across the state of Rhode Island, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since it was created over 45 years ago, and during this Health Center Week, health centers will be celebrating the role of health centers to our communities by hosting visitors, and holding health fairs and screenings, blood drives, immunizations and open house events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2011 Health Center Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 28th day of July, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State